

**DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

**B. ROLL CALL:** President Keough

J. Carson

D. Fisher

J. Semifero

P. Cousins

J. Knight

R. Tell

Also present: Donna Dettling, Village Manager; Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager; Marie Sherry, Financial Director/Treasurer; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Scott Maurer, Water and Sewer Department; Rana Emmons, Village Auditor; Dan Smith, District 2 County Commissioner; residents and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular Council Meeting – January 13, 2014

Motion Carson support Semifero to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 13, 2014 as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

**D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

Thom Phillips – Presentation on Huron Farms connection to the Dexter-Huron Metro Park Trail

Mr. Phillips gave a visual presentation of the feasibility of four possible connections from Huron Farms to the Border to Border Trail and asked Council for support with an engineering study.

Village Auditor Rana Emmons – Review of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Audit

Ms. Emmons reported the following on the Annual Audit:

- The audit has been filed with the state.
- The General Fund decreased by \$94,000 this year but less than the proposed budget.
- Overall revenues decreased.
- State shared revenues increased slightly.
- Village kept the millage rates steady and property tax decreased slightly (0.65%).

- Major expenditure was the Mill Creek Park in 2012.
- Major and Local Street funds – Act 51 money increased somewhat.
- Water and Sewer – billings and tap fees increased this year and expenditures were about the same.
- Pension and OPEB – added additional contributions above and beyond the usual contributions.
- New governmental standards coming out that will put pension liability on the books by June 2015.
- Recognized the Village for being on top of things.
- Responded to the question if anything would change if or when Dexter would become a city (handling things well now and this should continue).

Motion Fisher; support Semifero to suspend Council rules and act on item L-1 – Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Tell and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Fisher; support Cousins to accept the Audit of Fiscal year 2012-2013.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

## **E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion Carson; support Fisher to approve as agenda with the omission of L-1 and the addition of the K-1 Proposed Schedule for Future Meetings under Old Business.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

## **F. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*Action on each public hearing will be taken immediately following the close of the hearing*

None

## **G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar
3. Letter from State Senator Rebekah Warren

## **I. REPORTS**

### **1. Finance Director/Treasurer – Marie Sherry**

Ms. Sherry submits her report as per packet. Ms. Sherry gave the following verbal updates:

- There is a correction on packet page 13, The Act 51 Report was filed with the Michigan Department of Transportation (not Treasury as printed).
- Worked with Scio Township to get the taxes due when ReCellular went into receivership.
- Reported on the Voluntary Public Parking cash account and Metro Acts Fund and the way that the Village can make use of these restricted funds.
- Spoke of the cost of winter maintenance and the need to make a transfer to cover expense.
- Mentioned that the Village has over \$500,000 in funds set aside for OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits).

### **2. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff**

Mr. Schlaff submits his progress report of the DPW and Water/Sewer per packet. Mr. Schlaff gave the following updates:

- Gave additional information on what type of reporting the lab does in its testing.
- Updated on the sludge handling – they are progressing but the weather is slowing things down. About 98% complete on the project. Looking at the end of February when the Village can begin digesting sludge.
- Met with Tim Clark of Cribley Drilling Company, reviewed what Raymer and Metro Sewer does and see if Cribley can work with the Village also.
- Question was asked how the roads in the Village are holding up. Mr. Schlaff reported that they are trying to make repairs when they can and have already used about 50% of the salt supply.

### **3. Interim Community Development Manager – Laura Kreps – written report only**

Ms. Kreps submits her report as per packet.

### **4. Boards, Commissions. & Other Reports-“Bi-annual or as needed”**

None

### **5. Subcommittee Reports -None**

Economic Preparedness  
Facilities  
Roads  
Utility  
Website

### **6. Village Manager Report**

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. Mrs. Dettling gave the following verbal updates:

- The Business Summit held on January was a great meeting and looking to meet again in April possibly at Med-Hub.
- Able to make the needed corrections with the Blackhawk Settlement Agreement.
- No update on the access easement for the MDOT River Terrace Trail.
- Request to the DAFD to see their proposed budget sooner.
- Question asked about the AT&T Franchise request.

#### 7. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. In addition Mr. Keough reported on the following:

- Did return the \$85,000 check to the Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation and they are scheduled to meet this evening.
- Met with the union and will be extending the contract through April 30.
- Attended the AAATA meeting last Thursday and they are moving forward with a millage between Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township for 0.7%.

### **J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$407,530.65

Motion Fisher; support Semifero to approve item 1 of the Consent Agenda.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

### **K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:**

1. Discussion of: Cityhood Next Steps-Charter Commission Update

Ms. Nicholls reported that the Charter Commission finished the Administrative Services section at the last meeting and next they will be working on Financial Management. They will be drafting a letter to the Attorney General as to Dexter's timeline and wanting to get the approval of the Charter on the November ballot. Question was raised as to what happens if the issue goes to a vote in November and if the first vote fails.

### **L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:**

2. Consideration of: Appointment of Michelle Aniol to the Position of Community Development Manager

Motion Carson; support Fisher to approve the appointment of Michelle Aniol to the position of Community Development Manager.

Ayes: Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Cousins and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Amendments

Motion Semifero; support Cousins to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Amendments.

Ayes: Knight, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Cousins, Fisher and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

**M. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Cousins	Reported on the SRSly activity last Friday with 60 kids which was well received. The snow removal is great.
Fisher	None
Semifero	Noticing Sheriff's car in the mornings around 6:30 – 7 AM on the west bound section of Dexter Ann Arbor Road and wondering if there is problem. Drove into Ann Arbor today and their streets are a disaster.
Jones	None
Knight	None
Tell	Mentioned the environmental award received by the Village and the eloquent speech given by Mr. Cousins.
Carson	Also spoke of Mr. Cousin's eloquence at the award ceremony.

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Fisher; support Semifero to adjourn at 8:56 PM

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones  
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: February 10, 2014